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SUBJ: PRAIRIE PREMIERS EXPRESS CAUTIOUS INTEREST IN
LEVESQUE PROPOSAL TO NEGOTIATE LANGUAGE EDUCATION

REF: QUEBEC 278

1. AS REPORTED REFTEL , PREMIERS BLAKENEY OF SASKATCHEWAN AND
SCHREYER OF MANITOBA HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN RENE LEVESQUE S
PROPOSAL TO NEGOTIATE MINORITY LANGUAGE RIGHTS WITH EACH PROVINCE.

2. SINCE BLAKENEY S FIRST EXPRESSION OF INTEREST LAST
WEEK, SASKATCHEWAN S CABINET HAS STUDIED PROPOSAL ACCORDING
TO SOURCE ON EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,/PROVINCIAL CABINET BASICALLY
REAFFIRMED BLAKENEY S VIEW THAT GOVT OF SASKATCHEWAN IS MORE
THAN WILLING TO DISCUSS WITH OTHER PREMIERS BEST WAY TO
WORK THIS OUT, AND/THAT AN INTERPROVINCIAL AGREEMENT AS
SUGGESTED BY MR. LEVESQUE MAY WELL BE THE ANSWER TO THE
PROBLEMS NOW FACING CANADA WITH RESPECT TO THE LANGUAGE OF
EDUCATION. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, BLAKENEY WILL BE RAISING
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IDEA WHEN PREMIERS GATHER AT ST. ANDREWS.

3. SCHREYER HAD EXPRESSED SYMPATHY TO QUEBEC S OFFER OF A
RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT, BUT ONLY IF THE OTHER PROVINCES
FAVOR THE SAME ARRANGEMENT. IN AN INTERVIEW, SCHREYER SAID,
I WOULDN T WANT TO SEE THIS PROVINCE OR ANY OTHER ENTER INTO
A BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH QUEBEC. IT BECOMES POINTLESS

UNLESS DONE IN A COORDINATED FASHION ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

4. A SOURCE CLOSE TO SCHREYER POINTED OUT THAT PREMIER S
STAND IS CONSISTENT WITH HIS PREVIOUS POLICY OF COOPERATION
WITH QUEBEC IN LIMITED SPHERES OF CULTURE AND EDUCATION,
BUT NOTED THAT PREMIER BELIEVES UNLESS THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT GETS INVOLVED, THE THING ISN T GOING TO FLY.
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